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Location: Richfountain, Osage County, Missouri
U.S.G.S.: Linn quao, Twp. 42N., 9W, Section 12.

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Cornerstone laid June 2, 1879. Nave and steeple built first. Church dedicated 1880. Architect unknown. Contractor: "Mr. Goesse of St. Louis."

This church, constructed of magnesium limestone quarried locally, was designed to measure 138' x 48' and to cost \$12,000. Apparently the cost exceeded the estimate. The interior was decorated by D. Hoffman, a St. Louis decorator, presumably a Bavarian. The church has six bells, the first cast in 1855 by F.B. Mayer Co. Three were cast in 1865 by the Stuckstede Company, St. Louis, and two were cast in 1891. In 1926, the tower clock was installed. In 1936, the Sacristy was added. Walls laid in ashlar masonry. The tile roof is a twentieth century alteration. The interior is plastered with painted decoration. Heated by a furnace.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Centennial booklet, "Sacred Heart Parish, 1838-1938." (N.A., N.P.)

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the [REDACTED] records for MO-1800.